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Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 70/305, the General Assembly decided to establish, at its seventy-first session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States.

2. In paragraph 5 of the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that had not been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the seventy-first session.

3. The present report is being issued pursuant to that mandate (see annex).

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Annex

Updated inventory chart of General Assembly resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, issued pursuant to resolution 70/305

Provisions requiring follow-up

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments*
1.	70/305, para. 33	*Reiterates* the need to fully implement and observe rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, which provides that during the sessions of the Assembly the *Journal of the United Nations* shall be published in the languages of the Assembly, expresses its concern about the lack of implementation of rule 55, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide during the seventy-first session of the Assembly innovative proposals on the possible changes to the format, production and editing of the Journal, by reallocating existing resources and economizing on the costs of publishing it.	Secretariat	A similar mandate was included in paragraph 41 of resolution 69/324 on multilingualism. At the time, the General Assembly was informed that the current practice, which is to publish the Journal in the six languages of the Assembly during the main parts of the Assembly, from September to December, and in English and French only during the remainder of the year, would not require additional resources. At the following session, the issue was discussed under the revitalization item and consequently included in resolution 70/305. In accordance with that resolution, the Secretary-General will provide innovative proposals for consideration by Member States during the seventy-first session.
2.	70/305, para. 64	*Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office of the President of the General Assembly in accordance with existing procedures and bearing in mind the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General's Task Force on the functioning of the Office of the President, and in this connection looks forward to considering such proposals during the main part of its seventy-second session.	Secretariat	The Secretary-General had previously put forward proposals for resources relating, inter alia, to the handover and overlap costs for staff of the incoming President of the General Assembly, who usually arrive earlier to begin working in the Interim Office of the President-elect and therefore overlap with the staff of the outgoing President for several weeks (see document A/69/416, para. 13 (b) (i)), which, however, was not approved by the Assembly (see resolution 69/264). Pursuant to resolution 70/305, the Secretary-General intends to submit, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, proposals to review the budget allocation of the Office, bearing in mind the recommendations

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				contained in the report of the Secretary-General's Task Force on the functioning of the Office of the President (see document A/70/783).